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MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION—FIRST DAY.

From Our Special Correspondent.

The annual session of the Massachusetts Universalist Convention commenced in the church of that denomination in this place today at 2 o'clock p. m., the chair being taken by Rev. Dr. H. W. Thompson, D. D., of Plymouth. Moderator of the Convention. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Henry C. Leonard of Chelsea. At the close of opening the convention strictly one-half the societies in fellowship with the denomination appeared to be represented, but more came in afterward, and it is believed the attendance to-morrow will be much larger.

A committee on Credentials was appointed, consisting of the Rev. William A. Starr of North Andover, Mr. James Marston of Boston, and Mr. Charles Foster of Taunton. Mr. Starr presented a list of credentials from the Universalist churches of the State, and the committee reported that the list was correct, and that the churches were in good standing.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.
In the afternoon a short business meeting was held, after which the Synod of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thompson, assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Thompson.

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THE EXECUTION OF FERRIS.

This man, who is to be hanged at 9 o'clock this morning, is probably prepared for death, and reconciled to his fate. He is perfectly aware that there is no hope for his escape, and he is confident in the belief that he will die a martyr.

The past few days accepted of Father Danquett, Ferris still decried that he did not know at the time of the murder what he was doing, and asserts that until he had seen for three weeks in the prison he was perfectly unconscious of the crime.

Despite his professions of preparation for death, it is said by those who have been with him that his vindictive temper is in reality a deep-seated hatred against the State of New York. He has forgiven his enemies, his hand, should he chance to see free, would be as ready as ever with the pistol or the knife.

A telegram yesterday from Gov. Fenton, refusing to interfere, as he had been asked, on the score of the prisoner's "insanity," cut off the last hope, and Ferris will doubtless die this morning with as much composure as any man could expect to make could muster under like circumstances.

CITY NEWS.
NEW DEPOT FOR THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—A new depot for the Hudson River Railroad, situated between Hudson, Light, Varick, and Beach streets, has been purchased by the directors of the Hudson River Railroad Company for the purpose of erecting there a new and spacious depot.

A CONFIDENCE OPERATOR SHOWN UP.—Detective Eber yesterday arrested William Hansen, aged 30 years, who is described by the police as a notorious confidence operator. He was taken to Police Headquarters and searched, and in his possession were found a number of articles of value, including a watch, a ring, and a pair of earrings.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—Sales were made yesterday by Blocker, Son & Co. at auction, of eight lots on One hundredth street, of eight acres, of 25 feet front by one-half block deep, for \$200 each. Also of two lots and buildings, Nos. 100 and 101 Leonard street, houses 25 feet front and lots 62 feet deep, for \$350 each.

GEN. HOWARD AT NEWARK.—Major-Gen. O. O. Howard is to speak this evening at Newark, before the Young Men's Christian Association, upon "Our Christian Duty to the South." The attendance is expected to be very large.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, COURT OF APPEALS. The attention of the members of the bar is called to the following amendments to the Ninth and Tenth Rules: Rule IX, is hereby amended by striking out the words "in the Court of Appeals" and inserting in their stead the words "in the Court of Sessions"; and Rule X, is hereby amended by striking out the words "in the Court of Appeals" and inserting in their stead the words "in the Court of Sessions".

CHILDREN'S LIFE PRESERVING MONTHLY.—DANFORTH'S PATENT LIFE PRESERVING MONTHLY, Price 25 cents each. Two for four cents each, better than all the cheap medicine in the world. Sold at all the House of Medicine stores.

THE HERALD'S PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE IMPROVING HAT AND Cap Establishment of Knox No. 712 Broadway, corner of Fulton street, to have the privilege of selling hats and caps at a discount of 25 percent on all orders for hats and caps, and the complete stock of hats, caps, and every variety of machine-made hat and cap, in the city, and every variety of machine-made hat and cap, in the city, and every variety of machine-made hat and cap, in the city.

THE ADDITIONAL BOUNTY. The following petition is being signed by soldiers returning from the late war, and is addressed to the Hon. the Secretary of the War Department, and is for the purpose of obtaining an additional bounty for the services rendered by the petitioners during the late war.

THE FREEDMEN. A singular case of a freedman in the State of New York, who has been accused of a crime, and is now in the hands of the law. The case is one of the most interesting and unusual cases that have come before the courts of the State in many years.

THE NEW PORTNIGHTLY

THE GALAXY EXTRA. SPECIAL NOTICE. The GALAXY, the new Portnightly Magazine, has now been published six months. During that period it has not only gained a large circulation, but has won, what is even more essential to its success, the approval of the public.

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THE GALAXY. FOR NOVEMBER 1st (No. 12). WHICH IS NOW READY. A Copy of a Handsomely Illustrated and Printed Pamphlet of 160 pages, CONTAINING THE FIRST TWENTY CHAPTERS OF THE STORY OF "THE CLAVERING".

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